been released and deported to India in June 1986.

(d) One Shri Ram Kumar Bhardwaj, an employee in K.K.M.C. Five Thousand Area Dhallahcoy (a Construction Company), Daharan, Saudi Arabia was arrested by Saudi authorities early in 1986. shri Bhardwaj wrote to President of Sarvadeshik Arya Prathinidhi Sabha, New Delhi, stating that he was taken into custody for possessing a copy of "Satyarth Prakash" written by Swami Dayanand Saraswati. The President of the Sabha in turn took up the matter with the Ministry. Shri Bhardwaj also wrote to PM regarding his detention.

Our Embassy in Riyadh took up the matter with the Saudi Foreign Office for intervention with the authorities concerned for the early release of Shri Bhardwaj in case he had flauted the Saudi Laws out of ignorance. Our Ambassador also met the Saudi Deputy Minister of the Interior subsequently in this regard. Shri Bhardwaj was released from detention and deported from Dahran International Airport on 19 June, 1986.

According to the Deputy Minister of Interior, Shri Bhardwaj was arrested because he started preaching to the other people in the camp in which he was working with the help of the religious literature he had brought with him.

Protection of Farm Labour

399. SHR KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made to define and protect the rights of farm labour;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring forward any legislation on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Various Labour Laws like Minimum Wages Act, Payment of Wages Act, Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act etc. are meant to protect the rights and interests of workers, including farm labour.

(c) No, Sir.

Settlement of Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute

400. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to take any initiative for 'outside the Court settlement' of the Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Government have no such proposal under consideration at present.

Opening of Show Rooms by NTC is North Eastern Region

401. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of show Rooms of National Textile Corporation in the North Eastern Region at present;

(b) whether Government are considering to open new show rooms Jn